

HOUSE BILL 1196  
By Kerr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, relative to  
term limitations for members of the general assembly.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1, is amended by adding the  
following new sections:

Section\_\_\_\_.(a) No person elected to the office of representative shall serve  
more than twelve (12) consecutive years in the house of representatives.

(b) For the purpose of calculating the twelve (12) year limitation, the beginning  
date shall be the date of the regular November election in 1998.

(c) After serving twelve (12) consecutive years as a representative, a person  
shall be eligible to run for election as a senator for a term commencing at the end of  
such person's term as a representative. Such person shall also be eligible to run for re-  
election or be appointed to serve as a representative after the expiration of two (2) years  
following the end of such person's service as a representative. Any such person shall  
then be subject to the provisions of subsection (a) for such service.

(d) The time served by any person elected or appointed to serve less than a full  
term to fill a vacancy shall not be included in calculating the twelve (12) year limitation of  
this section.

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Section\_\_\_\_.(a) No person elected to the office of senator shall serve more than twelve (12) consecutive years in the senate.

(b) For the purpose of calculating the twelve (12) year limitation, the beginning date shall be the date of the regular November election in 1998 for senators elected in 1996 and the regular November election in 2000 for all other senators.

(c) After serving twelve (12) consecutive years as a senator a person shall be eligible to run for election as a representative for a term commencing at the end of such person's term as a senator. Such person shall also be eligible to run for re-election or be appointed to serve as a senator after the expiration of four (4) years following the end of such person's service as a senator. Any such person shall then be subject to the provisions of subsection (a) for such service.

(d) The time served by any person elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy shall not be included in calculating the twelve (12) year limitation of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.